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SUBJ: SETTLEMENT AT QADDUM CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

1. THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTERS, INCLUDING SEVERAL PROMINENT ISRAELI POLITICIANS, HELPED THE UNAUTHORIZED GUSH EMUNIM SETTLEMENT AT QADDUM CELEBRATE ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY DEC. 18. ACCORDING TO THE JERUSALEM POST, ASHKENAZI CHIEF RABBI SHLOMO GOREN, SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER ZEVULUN HAMMER, AND OPPOSITION LEADER MENAHEM BEGIN PARTICIPATED.

2. JUDGING FROM PRESS REPORTS AND CONGEN OBSERVATIONS, THE SETTLERS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED AND NORMALIZED LIVING CONDITIONS AT QADDUM. HAARETZ' LITANI REPORTS THAT THEY NOW NUMBER 200 INCLUDING 35 FAMILIES WITH 80 CHILDREN, 15 SINGLE PERSONS ON NATIONAL SERVICE AND OVER 10 YESHIVA STUDENTS. THE ORIGINAL GROUP, WHICH ON DEC. 8, 1975 WAS ALLOWED TO STAY "TEMPORARILY" AT THE IDF CAMP QADDUM AFTER NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO SETTLE AT SABASTIYAH, NUMBERED ABOUT 70.

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3. ON A RECENT TRIP TO THE SITE CONGEN OFFICERS OBSERVED PAVED ROADS IN THE AREA INHABITED BY THE SETTLERS AS WELL AS ISRAELI PUBLIC TRANSPORT BUSES COMING AND GOING. LITANI REPORTS THE SETTLEMENT HAS NOW BEEN LINKED TO THE ELECTRICITY NETWORK AND SUPPLIED WITH WATER. ALTHOUGH

THE SETTLERS ARE STILL LIVING IN TRAILERS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN ERECTED, AND THREE FACTORIES ARE OPERATING. IN AUGUST, DEFMIN PERES ADMITTED THAT QADDUM FACTORIES WERE FILLING ORDERS LET BY THE IDF. RECENTLY, THE NRP PARTY SECRETARY HAS REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED THE EDUCMIN FOR FAILING TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF OTHER MINISTRIES IN SUPPLING SERVICES TO THE SETTLERS.

4. FOLLOWING THE EXCLUSION OF NRP MINISTERS FROM THE RABIN CABINET, SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER HAMMER SUGGESTED THAT UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENT IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WOULD HENCEFORTH BE PURSUED BY "PUBLIC MEANS" RATHER THAN BY PRESSURE FROM WITHIN, ACCORDING TO THE JERUSALEM POST. A QADDUM SETTLER RECENTLY INTERVIEWED BY RADIO ISRAEL CLAIMS THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL HUNDRED GUSH EMUNIM SUPPORTERS READY TO SETTLE IN WESTERN SAMARIA.

5. COMMENT: SEVEN MONTHS AFTER THE CABINET DECISION THAT THE SETTLEMENT MUST MOVE, THE SETTLEMENT REMAINS. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, GOI HAS NEITHER TURNED A BLIND EYE OR CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF GOI HAVE AIDED IN THE EXPANSION AND NORMALIZATION OF THE SETTLERS' PRESENCE. WHAT WAS, AT FIRST, A RELATIVELY EASY MATTER OF PREVENTING A SETTLEMENT, THEN, A POLITICALLY-PAINFUL MATTER OF UPROOTING A TEMPORARY ONE, MAY NOW BECOME AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK OF REMOVING A THOROUGHLY ENTRENCHED ONE.

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